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**BOROUGH OF THE BRONX**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



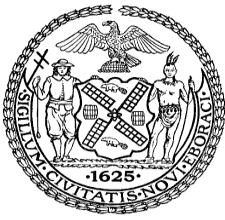
HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON., BOROUGH PRESIDENT    YAJAIRA ARIAS, CHAIRPERSON    KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>January 18, 2024</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b><u><a href="#">The Bedford's Community Room</a></u> 211 East 203rd Street, Bronx, NY 10458 <b>Recording:</b> <u><a href="https://youtu.be/BC0bdGS7LQk">https://youtu.be/BC0bdGS7LQk</a></u></b>
<b>Members In Attendance:</b>	<b>✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Yajaira Arias ✓ Chad Y. Royer _ Jean Hill ✓ Betty Arce ✓ Erick Ascensio ✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ Michelle Avila _ Leurys Acosta ✓ Samantha Souvatzis</b>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Helene Hartman-Kutnoswky</b>

**Minutes:**

- I. Meeting Guidelines** were read by Barbara Stronczer
- II. Introductions/Attendance - Meeting begins at 6:42pm**
  - A. Attendance was taken and quorum was met
  - B. Jean Hill & Leurys Acosta were absent.
- III. Review of December 2023 Minutes -**
  - A. Minutes were reviewed and motion to approve the minutes was put forward by Chad Y Royer and seconded by Yajaira Arias. Minutes were approved.
- IV. Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)**
- V. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera Updates:** An Executive Session was held to interview the candidate for Community Associate at CB7. The candidate will be presented to the General Board for consideration.
  - 1. Session ended at 7:05pm and the public rejoined the Committee
- VI. Chair Yajaira Arias Remarks -**
  - A. Pastor Crespo of the Bronx Historical Society will invite the Board to visit the Isaac Varian house.



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B. A visit to Verilife, a Legal Cannabis Establishment on Fordham road can be arranged if Board members are interested.

**VII. New Business**

- A. Two motions are presented by the Health & Human Services Committee for approval since there was no quorum at their committee meeting.
  - 1. Bronx Community Board 7 to consider sending a letter of support to the Office of Cannabis Management for an Adult-Use Cannabis Retail Dispensary License at 61 East Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10468.
    - a) Motion does not pass with 7 nos, 1 abstention, 2 absent.
  - 2. Bronx Community Board 7 to consider sending a letter of support to the Office of Cannabis Management for an Adult-Use Cannabis Retail Dispensary License at 3584 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467. Link to motion: <https://bit.ly/3RYnt4I>
    - a) Motion passes with 6 yeses, 1 abstention (Chad Royer), 1 no, 2 absent.

**VIII. Committee Reports + Motions**

**A. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Jean Hill**

1. No meeting was held. Next meeting is on 2/12/2024.

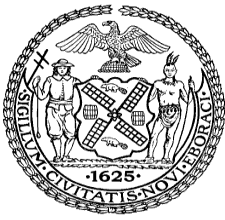
**B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta**

1. No meeting was held. Next meeting is on 2/13/2024.

**C. Environment and Sanitation – Betty Arce**

- 1. The committee met earlier this month and discussed the following:
  - a) NYC Trash Academy enrollment is open and all are welcome to apply. [www.sanitationfoundation.org/nyc-trash-academy](http://www.sanitationfoundation.org/nyc-trash-academy)
  - b) Fordham University \$50 Million Dollar grant for Environment projects. The grant ranges from \$75,00-\$350,00 and the Board can apply to be part of this project. The District Manager will have more details on this in February.
  - c) As of March 5, 2024, businesses will need to containerize their trash or else they can be ticketed. Call 311 for non-compliant businesses.

**D. Health & Human Services – Michelle Avila**



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1. On 1/16/2024, the committee held a public hearing, and their regular committee meeting to discuss notifications for adult-use retail cannabis dispensaries.

**E. Housing, Land Use & Economic Development – Erick Ascensio**

1. The Committee did not meet this month but it was reported that the Department Of Buildings (DOB) will be at the Community Board office to address constituent complaints. The dates are 1/29/24, 2/12/24 & 2/26/24 from 2-4PM. A flyer will be sent out and it will be by appointment only. Help will be given with accessing the DOB website.

**F. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer**

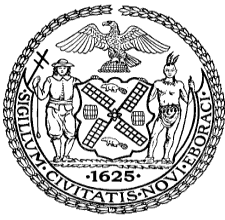
1. Motion: Send a letter to Mayor Adams and Councilmembers Dinowitz, Sanchez and Feliz to request no cuts be made to the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation budget. Link to motion: <https://bit.ly/48Wr9uv>
  - a) There is good news that the Parks Opportunity Program (POP) will not be cut as originally planned.
  - b) CB7 has 11 parks around the district and all the park workers are needed. Therefore, a motion was created to send a letter to the City Council, the Commissioner and the Borough President to request there will be no 5% budget cuts to Parks for FY 24-25.
  - c) The language was discussed and amended, and the motion was approved by Chad Y Royer and seconded by Betty Arce.

**G. Public Safety & Quality of Life – Samantha Souvatzis**

1. No meeting was held. Next meeting: 2/8/2024.

**H. Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos**

1. New Bronx DOT Commissioner Anthony Perez attended the committee meeting and he was invited to visit the General Board later this month.
2. Decatur Block Association completed their petition with 100 signatures and handed it to the District Manager.



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**I. Veterans Affairs – Chad Royer**

1. The committee discussed Woodlawn Flagging and The Bronx Victory Memorial as dates they can do in the Spring.
2. The Chair will send prospective dates to the District Manager.
3. A standardized approach to benefits for Veterans at the City and State was discussed.

**IX. Discussion on Next Month’s Agenda**

A. TBD

**X. Next meeting Date: February 15, 2024**

**XI. Adjournment:**

A. Motion to close the meeting was made by Yajaira Arias and seconded by Chad Y Royer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm